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SUBJECT: POW/MIAS -- TRAVEL BY YOUTH GROUP

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1. AS STATED REFTTEL, YOUTH GROUP'S VISIT WAS GENERALLY SMOOTH AND PRODUCTIVE. AN INCIDENT DID MAR THE VISIT BRIEFLY, HOWEVER. DURING A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR ONE OF THE GROUP ADVISORS, A RESIDENT AMERICAN CITIZEN, A MR. JERRY GOLDEN, APPROACHED MISS ANN O'CONNOR, THE GROUP LEADER, TO DEMAND THAT THE GROUP REIMBURSE HIM AND HIS ASSOCIATE (MR. FRED RITZ) FOR EXPENSES THEY CLAIMED TO HAVE INCURRED IN EFFORTS TO RECOVER US MIAS. GOLDEN REPORTEDLY THREATENED MISS O'CONNOR THAT HE WOULD "BLOW YOUR GROUP OUT OF THE WATER, NOT JUST VERBALLY, BUT PHYSICALLY," IF HIS DEMAND FOR PAYMENT WAS NOT MET. MISS O'CONNOR WAS ALONE AT THE TIME THE THREAT WAS MADE. VISIBLY SHAKEN, SHE RETURNED TO THE PARTY AND NOTIFIED THE EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER. SECURITY WAS THEN PROVIDED FOR THE GROUP FOR THE REMAINDER OF THEIR STAY.

2. DISCREET INQUIRIES BEING MADE TO MORE FULLY IDENTIFY JERRY GOLDEN AND THE NATURE OF HIS BUSINESS IN VIETNAM.
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